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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose a small carrier like Sonic when I could not afford even the lowest rates at AT&T. If it weren't for Sonic, I wouldn't even be able to afford a landline phone, and I do not have a cell phone because I cannot afford it. Also, most of my work is done via the Internet, and I am an adjunct professor, so the connection is critical, and I need to be able to afford it. So, please do not make it difficult for them to compete with the big guys. I need them to stay connected in an urban area like the San Francisco-East Bay region. Otherwise, I will be without any connection at all, and I will not be able to afford to do my work.

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